

December 10, 2015

Ms. Jennifer Walters City Secretary City of Denton 215 East McKinney Street Denton, Texas 76201

OR2015-25869

Dear Ms. Walters:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 590330.

The City of Denton (the "city") received a request for information concerning certain items in the Proposed Annual Program of Services for 2015-2016. The city released information responsive to the request but made redactions as permitted by section 552.136 of the Government Code without requesting a decision from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.136(c). Pursuant to section 552.136(d), the requestor has asked this office to review the information and render a decision as to whether it is excepted from disclosure under section 552.136(b). *See id.* § 552.136(d). We have considered the city's position and reviewed a representative sample of the information.<sup>1</sup>

Section 552.136(b) of the Government Code provides, "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of [the Act], a credit card, debit card, charge card, or access device number that is collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental body is confidential." *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We assume the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent those records contain substantially different types of information than those submitted to this office.

§ 552.136(b); see id. § 552.136(a) (defining "access device"). The city must withhold the account and routing numbers you redacted under section 552.136 of the Government Code.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\_ruling\_info.shtml">http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\_ruling\_info.shtml</a>, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor

(w/o enclosures)